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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 00-1156)

In re the Application of:

**Blomme**

Application No.: **09/674,258**

Filing Date: **February 2, 2001**

For: **Suturing Means for Connecting  
a Tubular Vascular Prosthesis to  
a Blood Vessel in the Body  
in Addition to Branch Means,  
a Vascular Prosthesis,  
a Device for Inserting and Suturing  
a Vascular Prosthesis in the Body, and  
a Vascular Prosthesis System**

Examiner: **Nerbun, Peter P.**

Art Unit: **3765**

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 10, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, the applicant requests that the Patent Office consider the following remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time and a check in the amount of the required fee are attached.

**Remarks**

1. **Response to Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, the Patent Office alleged that the present application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention,